

*Description of a new species of the genus Zephronia, from Borneo; by A. SIDNEY OLLIFF.*

*Zephronia butleri*, n. sp.

Pitchy-black, with irregular obscure brownish markings at the sides; dorsal surface dull, polished towards lateral margins; head, nuchal plate, antennæ, lateral wings and legs highly polished. Head sparsely punctured on the disc, the apex and base densely punctured and pubescent, the latter with a deep central impression; nuchal plate finely punctured; antennæ distinctly setose, somewhat strongly punctured, terminal joint large, conspicuously transverse, apex very strongly punctured, basal joint large and swollen, second to fifth joints broader than long; lateral wings broad with a small marginal rim; dorsal segments closely and rather finely punctured, slightly stronger and more sparsely so at the sides, anal segment closer and more delicately punctured, all the segments except the first polished and minutely tuberculate anteriorly, and all, save the first and last, with a laterally abbreviated transverse band of golden-brown pubescence contiguous to the polished portion; legs sparsely but strongly punctured, clothed with minute hairs. Length 45-49 mm.; width 24-26 mm.; width of nuchal plate 12-13 mm.

In the series received of this species are two specimens of a chestnut-brown colour, but they agree with the typical form in every other respect.

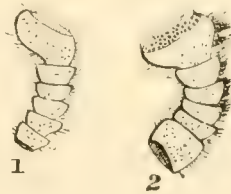


Fig. 1. Antenna of *Zephronia ovalis*.

Fig. 2. Antenna of *Z. butleri*.

This interesting and very distinct species is most nearly allied to *Z. ovalis*, Gray, but may be readily distinguished from it by the pubescent bands, and the structure of its antennæ, the tubercles being larger and more numerous, its dissimilar punctuation, much larger size, and by having the posterior margin of the anal segment regularly rounded, whereas in *Z. ovalis* it is distinctly thickened and angulated at the apex.

The specimens from which I have taken the above description were captured by W. B. Pryer, Esq., at Sandakan, in N. E. Borneo.

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